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This exhibition will give our dear friends an idea about the situation in our country; in other words, it will help to strengthen the knowledge of our friends in our country's situation and will strengthen the friendship between our peoples.

During the 10 years of its establishment, our country has achieved many great victories in the fields of production and construction. It is now transforming itself from a backward agricultural state, the heritage of old China, into an industrial and advanced state. New China is developing very rapidly under the guidance of our leader, President Mao Tse-tung. (Applause) In the fields of production and construction, our people are registering one victory after another, like the waves which always shoot forward. Thanks to the determination of our people, in 1958 great quantities of steel and iron were produced. The people's communes achieved other victories in the fields of production and construction, in the fields of agriculture, industry, roadbuilding, communications, education, and science also. In addition to all these, the standard of living of our people has in general risen.

A new campaign to increase production and strengthen the economy is now in progress. During this year and before the scheduled time, the main aims of the five-year plan from 1958 until 1962 will be achieved. I would like to point out a number of factors in order to help our friends to understand this exhibition:

During the five-year plan the target for steel production was between 10.5 million tons and 12 million tons; this year's production reached 12 million tons. The target for coal production was 190 to 210 million tons; this year's production reached 335 million tons. The target for cereals was about 250 million tons; this year's production reached 225 million tons. The target for oil production was 2.4 million tons; this year's production reached 2.31 million tons. (Two words indistinct) production target was between 30,000 and 70,000 tons; this year's production reached 117,000 tons.

The target for electricity supply was between 1.4 and 1.5 million kilowatts; this year's supply will reach 1.8 million kilowatts. The target for the production of (mechanical engines?) was between 60,000 and 65,000 pieces; this year's production reached 60,000 pieces. The target for (wood?) production was 31 million cubic meters; this year's production reached 34 million cubic meters. The target for the production of cotton yarn was from 8 million to 9 million bales; this year's production reached 8.2 million bales. The target for salt production was between 10 and 11 million tons; this year production reached the target. (Two words indistinct) target was between 1.5 and 1.6 million tons; this year's production reached 1.6 million tons.

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These figures show the progress made in our country, they also show the great success of the socialist structure prevailing in our country. This progress was the result of the determination of the Chinese people. (Several words indistinct) these figures show the falsehood of the allegations of the imperialists and their agents. The wheel of progress in China will always turn; we shall continue to attain other great victories. In conclusion, allow me to express my thanks to the Iraqi Government and its people for the sincere feeling of friendship which the Iraqi people have for the people of China. I also thank Premier Abd al-Karim Qasim and wish him good health in order that the sincere relations between China and Iraq will develop and become stronger. Long live Chinese-Iraqi friendship.

Another CFR Speaker

(Editor's Note--M) Baghdad radio first relayed the Guidance Minister's and the CFR ambassador's speeches, followed by Premier Qasim's speech. Abbud Zalzalak, the chairman of the CFR-Iraqi Friendship Society, then delivered a 12-minute speech at 1540 GMT Sept. 26 lauding Qasim who brought about the July 14 revolution. He praised the exhibition which aids the exchange of ideas among the peoples and commended the CFR's progress. Zalzalak said the CFR's story is that of progressive socialism. He then conveyed the greetings of the new China to the Iraqi people and to Premier Qasim. Inviting those present to see and judge the exhibition, Zalzalak cheered Qasim and the Chinese-Iraqi friendship.

The announcer then stated that Premier Qasim cut the ribbon, inaugurating the exhibition. The announcer described Qasim's tour of the exhibition, noted that he was flanked by the Chinese ambassador and his wife, and reported Qasim's departure marking the conclusion of the special broadcast of the celebration at 1607 GMT.

PRESS SCORES DULLES' MIDDLE EAST REPORT

Baghdad, Iraqi Home Service, Sept. 25, 1959, 1615 GMT--M

(Excerpts) The Iraqi Republic is now being exposed to oppressive campaigns from abroad and to tendentious attacks from certain quarters which oppose the internal revolution with a view to harming our national government. There is no doubt about the fact that these feverish campaigns from abroad, be they from Arab quarters or elsewhere, constitute aggressive activity against Iraq which could be considered flagrant intervention in its internal affairs and a blatant violation of Arab solidarity, the Arab League Charter, and international rights.

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All this goes on when the Arab peoples must feel the need for the atmosphere among themselves to be clarified in order to coordinate efforts for a strongly united front to defend Arab rights in the most important issues now under consideration in the current session of the U.N. General Assembly; namely, the questions of the Palestinian Arabs and the liberation of Algeria. The interest of the Arab peoples requires that all disputes among their governments be discarded, that all radio and press attacks be stopped, and that interference in the internal affairs of any other state be avoided. Furthermore, the spirit of Arab solidarity must be adhered to. This would frustrate every attempt by imperialism to cultivate these disputes in the Arab states for its own interest.

This is supported by a report submitted by Allen Dulles, chief of the American intelligence bureau, to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the American Congress which says that American Middle East policy tries to kindle the dispute between the Iraqi Republic and the UAR as this will guarantee protection to American interests in that area. The contents of this report were not placed there by chance. This dispute was also a direct cause of the consolidation of the proimperialist governments in certain Arab states against the will of their peoples. Furthermore, the existing disputes among the Arab states have become a cause for grudges and hatred among brothers, a source that claims victims, a danger that threatens national liberation and democratic freedoms.

The critical situation through which our republic is passing requires that all political forces which understand their responsibility to defend our republican structure make their aim the support of our national government in order to safeguard the achievements to the immortal July 14 revolution, to achieve its objectives to which the people aspire for their progress and prosperity, to consolidate the democratic spirit, and to strengthen Arab solidarity, as AL-AHALI says.

UAR Propaganda

(Editor's Note: An AL-BILAD article deplores the fact that the UAR rulers spend their people's funds on propaganda which is becoming ever more hysterical and says that all these campaigns will founder on the solid rock, Abd al-Karim Qasim.)

One of the facts that prove that the UAR rulers have become imperialist agents is that these rulers have deserted the struggle against imperialism and Zionism.

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They have left the Syrian and Egyptian people who are afflicted with their rule of terror, to live in the throes of poverty and death, and have devoted all their activities to a single purpose--the attack on the Iraqi people and republic and their sole Leader. According to the imperialist method adopted in every time and place, the UAR rulers resorted to using religion for their miserable imperialist designs. They use it as a tool, not a support of Islam, Moslems, and Arabs, but in support of imperialism and its lackeys within and outside the Arab countries.

Two days ago, a creature, ornamented with the cloak of the ulema, who describes himself as the mufti of the Egyptian country, this very creature who is called Shaltut, stood up in the holiest of the religious institutions of Egypt to give dispensation for a Jihad against Iraq and for all Moslems to kill these rulers. He rose to urge Moslems to kill these rulers, granting dispensation for the shedding of their blood and the violation of their honor. This attitude of Shaltut and his brethren who affect piety in Egypt and Iraq and in nearly all the countries of the world, is nothing new or surprising for these factions always see the cloak of religion as a screen to conceal their offenses and zeal in the service of imperialism and its agents.

A few years ago this Shaltut and his brethren in Egypt kept silent regarding the criminal and dissolute Farouk when Eczema afflicted his filthy face and the doctors advised him to let his beard grow. Shaltut and his gang began speaking of the piety and devotion of that dissolute person and began calling him the Khalifah of the Moslems and spreading propaganda in his favor. Previously Shaltut's ilk made the criminal dictator Mussolini, the hangman of Libya and Ethiopia, a defender of Islam.

Thus, those who bewail religion and those who affect the frocks of the Islamic ulema in Egypt, Iraq, and other countries meet on one level with imperialism and Zionism which find obstacles in the republic that prevents them from carrying out their aggressive ambitions, in the leadership of Abd al-Karim Qasim, the rock on which all their hopes for expansion founder, and in the democratic course of the republic which threatens their interests and those of the reactionaries, feudalists, agents, the ambitious, and the discontented who were frustrated by the revolution, as SAWT AL-AHRAR says.

UAR Campaign to U.N.

Baghdad, Iraqi Home Service, Sept. 26, 1959, 1635 GMT--M

(Text) (Editor's Note: An AZ-ZAMAN article stresses that the UAR rulers' campaigns against Iraq only serve imperialism.)

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